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HOUSE BILL NO. 1305

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Williams)

A BILL to authorize the reestablishment of a general hospital in Patrick County.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Health Commissioner shall accept and review applications for and may issue a license to an acute care hospital located in Patrick County that was previously licensed as an acute care hospital under a license that was valid and in effect prior to December 31, 2018.

§ 2. That, notwithstanding the requirements of § 32.1-102.3 of the Code of Virginia and regulations of the Board of Health, the reestablishment of a general hospital with up to one magnetic resonance imaging unit, one computed tomographic imaging unit, 25 inpatient beds, and two operating rooms in Patrick County shall not constitute a project for the purposes of the issuance of a certificate of public need, provided that (i) the reestablishment is the result of the closure and subsequent sale of a general hospital that was licensed in Patrick County prior to December 31, 2018, (ii) the previous general hospital in Patrick County had been issued a certificate of public need or did not require a certificate of public need at the time at which the project was first commenced, and (iii) the reestablishment of such general hospital occurs within seven years of the date of the closure of the general hospital in Patrick County.

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